

secure the collar member 20 to the generally cone-shaped head 14, the collar member 20 may nevertheless be securely attached to the generally cone-shaped head 14. It will be appreciated, however, that by permitting the generally cone-shaped head 14 to rotate freely with respect to collar member 20, a suture strand can be rotated by the surgeon after implantation to a position where the forces acting on the suture strand by the bone anchor 22 are more evenly distributed around the region of the shaft portion 16 adjacent to the eyelet 38.

In the Drawings

Please replace existing sheet 1 of the drawings depicting FIGS. 1-4 with the enclosed proposed sheet 1 of the drawings with amended FIG. 2.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10-13 and 15-16 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 17-29, as follows.

17. (New) A bone anchor insertion device, comprising:  
a handle including a proximal end and a distal end;  
a hook-shaped shaft including a first end and a second end, the first end being connected to and substantially parallel to the distal end of the handle; and  
a bone anchor mount connected to the second end of the shaft.

18. (New) The device according to claim 17 further comprising a bone anchor releasably engaged to the bone anchor mount.

19. (New) The device according to claim 18 wherein the bone anchor comprises a generally cone-shaped head including a wide end, a narrow end, and at least two cutting edges wherein the cutting edges come together to form a pointed tip at the narrow end.

20. (New) The device according to claim 19 wherein the bone anchor further comprises a collar member coupled to the head to secure the bone anchor in bone.

21. (New) The device according to claim 20 wherein the collar member is rotatable relative to the head.

22. (New) The device according to claim 19 wherein the cutting edges are defined by at least one generally planar surface.

23. (New) The device according to claim 19 wherein the cutting edges are defined by at least one curved surface.

24. (New) The device according to claim 19 wherein the head comprises three cutting edges.

25. (New) The device according to claim 19 wherein the cutting edges comprise sharp edges.

26. (New) The device according to claim 19 wherein the bone anchor comprises titanium.

27. (New) The device according to claim 19 wherein the bone anchor further comprises a member coupled to the wide end of the head and defining an eyelet for receiving a suture.

28. (New) A bone anchor insertion device, comprising:  
a handle including a proximal end, a distal end, and a longitudinal axis;  
a hook-shaped shaft including a first end and a second end, the first end being connected to the distal end of the handle; and  
a bone anchor mount including a longitudinal axis and connected to the second end of the shaft, wherein the longitudinal axis of the handle and the longitudinal axis of the bone anchor mount are substantially parallel.

29. (New) A bone anchor insertion device, comprising:  
a handle including a proximal end and a distal end;  
a hook-shaped shaft including a first end, a second end, and a plurality of adjacent curved portions disposed between the first end and the second end, the first end being connected to the distal end of the handle; and  
a bone anchor mount connected to the second end of the shaft.